(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to fulfil the demand of the Tripura Government?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) The Government of Tripura have requested for construction of a road Gobindabari - Dangabari - R'aishya-: bari - Jalaiya - Baishnavpur - Sabroom to check the ingress and agress of extremists from Bangladesh. ' Formation length of a portion of aforesaid road covering Govindabari-Dangabari-Rai shyabari (42. 5 Km.) has already been done by Border Roads Organisation. The Government have decided to construct border road along Indo-Bangladesh border in all the States which iave a border with Bangladesh.

Clean Ganga Campaign

1617. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether favoured advertising agencies have become main beneficia ries of the 'Clean Ganga' campaign launched by Government through 'INTACH' as reported in the Economic Times of 8th October, 1986;

(b) whether a reliable monitoring agency has been set up *to* continuously evaluate pollution of the Ganga and keep public informed on the correct position each month; and

(c) whether Government have any plans to start cleaning of rest of the rivers, streams, lakes in the country; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Government has not launched any 'Clean Ganga' advertising campaign as such. The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, a non-governmental organisation had organised . **a** public awareness campaign at Hard-**war** during **Kumbh Mela in April,** 1986 at a cost of Rs. 32. 26 lakhs to which the government had made a contribution of Rs. 15 lakhs. The government itself has not engaged any advertising agency and the question of favouring advertising agencies, therefore, does not arise.

(b) The Central Board for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution has the main responsibility for monitoring $_0$f water quality. Two other national laboratories—Industrial Toxicology Research Centre, Lucknow and National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur have also been engaged t_0 monitor some specific aspects of water quality. In addition 14 universities are also involved in assessing the physico chemical properties of the river Ganga. Project Directorate will periodically publish the highlights of relevant data for public information.

(c) The status of water quality on most major rivers has already been assessed. Intensive studies for assessment of basin-wise pollution faave been completed in respect of Damodar, Subarnarekha, and Brahmani-Baitarani rivers. Based *on* the experience gained work on the Ganga Action Plan the clearance of pollution in other rivers and water bodies will be taken up as and when "resources are available.

देश में कारागारों की संख्या

1618. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कुल कितने कारागार हैं और उनमें से प्रत्येक की क्षमता सहित उन में इस समय बन्द कैदियों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इन कारागारों में घोर कुप्रबन्ध व्याप्त है तथा भोजन कपड़े और औषधियां नहीं मिलती ;और

(ग) क्या सरकार कारागारों के प्रबन्ध में सुधार लाने का विचार रखती है और यदि हां, तो कब तक ?